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# BUREAU OF CANNABIS CONTROL LAUNCHES ONLINE LICENSING APPLICATION SYSTEM

Interested Parties Can Now Begin Submitting Applications

SACRAMENTO – The Bureau of Cannabis Control (Bureau) today officially launched its online licensing system and is now accepting applications for commercial cannabis licenses for retailers, distributors, microbusinesses, testing laboratories and cannabis events. The new online licensing system allows applicants to easily apply for a temporary and annual commercial cannabis license, submit payments and track the status of an existing application.

"Today's launch of our online licensing system is the culmination of many months of hard work by our dedicated team," Bureau Chief Lori Ajax said. "Now that applications are coming in, we can officially move one step closer to issuing California's first state licenses for commercial cannabis activity."

The link to the online licensing system can be accessed here: <a href="http://online.bcc.ca.gov/">http://online.bcc.ca.gov/</a>.

New users will be required to register an account on the Bureau's online self-service portal prior to applying for a license.

For more information on how to fully utilize the online system, users can check out the site's elearning portal, which can be accessed here: <a href="http://www.bcc.ca.gov/clear/elearning.html">http://www.bcc.ca.gov/clear/elearning.html</a>.

The Bureau will be reviewing temporary applications and once approved will be issuing temporary licenses with an effective date of January 1, 2018. No temporary license will be effective prior to this date. Temporary licenses will only be issued to applicants with a valid license, permit or authorization from their local jurisdiction.

The Bureau's emergency regulations are now in effect and the final text can be found at <a href="http://www.bcc.ca.gov/">http://www.bcc.ca.gov/</a> under "Important Announcements."

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### Media Notes:

For more information on commercial cannabis licenses for manufacturing, visit the California Department of Public Health website – <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/mcsb">www.cdph.ca.gov/mcsb</a>. For more information on commercial cannabis licenses for cultivation, visit the California Department of Food and Agriculture website – <a href="http://calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov/">http://calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov/</a>.

For additional information about the licensing application process, or to subscribe to email alerts to hear about updates as they become available, please visit our website: <a href="http://www.bcc.ca.gov/">http://www.bcc.ca.gov/</a>.

For information on all three licensing authorities, please visit the state's California Cannabis Portal: <u>cannabis.ca.gov</u>. Follow the Bureau on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for daily news and updates.